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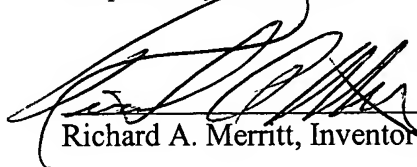
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The above-listed references are, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which the applicant is aware as of the date of execution of the Declaration in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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